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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the above amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Claims 1, 2 and 22 have been amended to correct minor clerical errors and for reasons related to business considerations and commercial embodiments of the invention. Support for the claims as amended is provided by the claims, specification and drawing as originally filed. Literal support is provided at least in claims 2, 3, and 26 as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.


Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims on their merits and welcome the Examiner to contact the undersigned for assistance with the prosecution of this application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A method for solvent extraction of analytes from a sample, said method comprising,

dynamically contacting an analyte containing sample in an extraction cell with a preheated organic solvent system as extraction fluid under elevated temperatures and regulated pressures within a specified range or at a specified value to non-selectively extract said analytes from said sample, said organic solvent system being in liquid form under the conditions of temperature and pressure [and] during extraction.

2. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said solvent system comprises [one or] more than one organic solvent.

22. (amended) An apparatus for dynamic extraction of analytes from a sample with a heated solvent comprising
an extraction cell capable of containing said sample and containing a solvent line input connector and a solvent line output connector for solvent lines,
a heating assembly capable of heating said extraction cell and the solvent line in contact with said input connector,
a pump linked to said extraction cell via said input connector and capable of delivering solvent to said cell, and
a backpressure regulator linked to said cell via said output connector and capable of regulating pressure to be 10-20 bar in said cell.

27. (amended) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said backpressure regulator limits pressure in said extraction cell to be [from about 10 to about 30] 20 bar.

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